

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2009-____-W

IN RE: Petition of the Office of Regulatory)	PETITION OF THE OFFICE OF
Staff for a Declaratory Order)	REGULATORY STAFF FOR AN
Against Georgia Water and Well)	ORDER REQUIRING THE
Service, Inc. Requiring the Posting)	POSTING OF A PERFORMANCE
Of a Performance Bond)	BOND

The Office of Regulatory Staff, by filing this petition, would respectfully show and request of the Commission:

1. That the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“the Commission”) is a state agency constituted pursuant to the laws of the State of South Carolina with its business offices located at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; that the Commission is responsible for the regulation of water utilities operating for compensation as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10 et seq. (Supp. 2008); and that the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) is charged with the duty to protect the public interest pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-4-10 (Supp. 2008).

2. That Georgia Water and Well Service, Inc. (“GWWS”) located at 259 Wynburn Ave., Athens, Georgia 30601 was granted approval on April 9, 1993 under Docket No. 93-055-W in Order No. 93-335 to obtain ownership of the water systems owned by Water Systems, Inc., in Anderson and Oconee Counties, South Carolina. According to GWWS’s 2007 Annual Report, the company provides water service to a total of 434 customers.

3. That in a review of Performance Bond Data on file the ORS discovered that GWWS did not have a current performance bond meeting the minimum requirements posted with the Commission. The ORS staff contacted GWWS via letter on July 15, 2009, and via certified letter on August 11, 2009.

4. That as of September 17, 2009, GWWS has not posted an adequate performance bond for the operation of the water system serving Anderson and Oconee Counties in South Carolina. GWWS has thus failed to comply with the requirements set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-720 (Supp. 2008) and 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-712.3 (Supp. 2008).

5. That the Commission has jurisdiction over GWWS pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10 et seq. (Supp. 2008). Further, the Commission has the requirement before the granting of authority or consent to the operation, maintenance, acquisition, expanding or improving of any water utility regulated by it, that such utility file with the Commission a bond with sufficient surety payable to the Commission.

WHEREFORE, ORS prays that the Commission:

1. Order GWWS to file, in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-720 (Supp. 2008), a bond in an amount as required under 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-712.3.1 (Supp. 2008);
2. Order the Respondent to comply with Commission rules and regulations and maintain its books and records for water operations in accordance with the NARUC *Uniform* System of Accounts for water utilities as adopted by this Commission and as mandated by 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-719 (Supp. 2008); and
3. For any additional action or relief which the Commission may deem necessary or proper.



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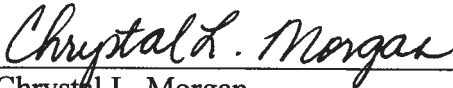
September 17, 2009
Columbia, South Carolina

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IN RE:)	
Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for a)	CERTIFICATE OF
Declaratory Order Against Georgia Water and)	SERVICE
Well Service, Inc. Requiring the Posting of a)	
Performance Bond)	

This is to certify that I, Chrystal L. Morgan, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the **PETITION** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

Georgia Water and Well Service, Inc.
250 Wynburn Ave.
Athens, Georgia 30601



Chrystal L. Morgan

September 17, 2009
Columbia, South Carolina